Jodhpur-Delhi-Jodhpur A.C. coaches

*153. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jodhpur-Delhi-Jodhpur A.C. coaches are the renovated first class of the erstwhile State Railways whose air-conditioning works below officiency; and

(b) if so, when the codal life of such coaches expires?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. This service is operated with a total of six coaches of which three each were specifically manufactured as A.C. coaches and built in 1955 and 1956. The A.C. equipment of these coaches has worked for more than the prescribed codal life of 15 years and hence is no longer reliable and is also beyond economical repairs.

(b) The codal lives of these coaches will expire in 1985 and 1986 respectively.

Break-out of virulent form of dysentery

*154. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a virulent type of dysentery in epidemic form has broken out in some States;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details in this regard; and

(c) what financial and other assistance, State-wise has been or is being given by the Central Government to cope with the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Incidence of dysentery was reported from the States of West Bengal, Tripura, Assam and Orissa during this year. On investigation, Shigella Dysentery Type-I, E. Coli and Shigella Vibrie Cholera and Shingella other than Type I and Shigella Flexneri were found to be the organisms responsible for the incidence in different States. According to the information received from these States, the number of cases and deaths on this account is as under:

	Name of State	Cases	Deaths
1	West Bengal (Upto 16-6-84) .	108867	2925
2	Tripura (Upto 16-6-84) .	13601	44
3	Assam (Upto 16-6-84) .	57285	301
4	Orissa . .	270	20

On the requests from these States, the required quantities of drugs including anti-biotics, Oral Rehydration Salt packets, Halogen tablets, disinfectants etc. costing approximately Rs. 85.00 lakhs, Rs. 26.44 lakhs, Rs. 21.00 lakhs and Rs. 0.16 lakhs have been made available through Medical Stores Depots to West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Orissa respectively.

Tests of sub-standard drugs

*155. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what are the names of drug companies where samples of products were tested during the last six months in Delhi, Haryana and Bihar and the names of such companies whose products were found to be sub-standard during 1983-84 in those States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Enforcement of the provisions of manufacturer and sale